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TAGS: PFOR, UN,UR,US

SUBJECT: U.S.-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON UN MATTERS

1. DURING A THREE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO MOSCOW MARCH 9-12, AMBASSADOR CLYDE FERGUSON, JR., HELD TWO ROUNDS OF OFFICIAL TALKS WITH ALEKSEY NESTERENKO, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

2. IN THE FIRST SESSION, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON PRESENTED IN DETAIL THE U.S. POSITION OPPOSING PRG PARTICIPATION IN UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCES, ESPECIALLY THE FORTHCOMING MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. NESTERENKO RESPONDED TEPIDLY, CALLING FOR GREATER U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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FLEXIBILITY, AND IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS FELT BOUND TO

SUPPORT THE PRG, BUT THAT THEY WOULD NOT LEAD THE FIGHT. ON THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA, NESTERENKO MADE IT CLEAR THAT MOSCOW OPPOSES ANY PROPOSAL WHICH COULD LEAD TO CHARTER REVIEW. SOME CHANGES MAY BE ACCEPTABLE, HE SAID, BUT THE SOVIETS RESIST THE "ITCH" TO REORGANIZE. ON THE UN BUDGET, THE TWO AGREED ON THE NEED FOR MUCH STRICTER LIMITS ESPECIALLY IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND AGREED TO HOLD DETAILED CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE NEXT UNGA.

3. IN THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS, NESTERNEKO ASKED ABOUT U.S. THINKING ON WORLD GRAIN RESERVES, ABOUT THE MECHANISM FOR MANAGING A RESERVE SCHEME, AND ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A RESERVE SCHEME AND NORMAL GRAIN TRADE. FERGUSON REPLIED THAT MANY DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT THAT THE U.S. FORSEES A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL RESERVES UNDER NATIONAL CONTROL, WITH PERCENTAGE RATHER THAN QUANTITY COMMITMENTS, A SMALL COORDINATING BODY, AND MINIMAL EFFECTS IN LIMA, NESTERENKO COMMENTED THAT MOSCOW SUPPORTS THE THIRD WORLD'S INTEREST IN MORE RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION BUT IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT HAVING UNIDO BECOME A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. COMMENTING ON ILO AND WORLD TRADE UNIONISM, NESTERENKO OFFERED A STRONG BUT PREDICTABLE DENUNCIATION OF GEORGE MEANY AND ARGUED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT BECOME "VICTIMS" OF HIS "PROVOCATIONS." FERGUSON DECLINED TO COMMENT ON MEANY.

4. THE TALKS WERE CORDIAL THROUGHOUT WITH BOTH SIDES UNDER-
INING THE USEFULNESS OF CLOSER CONSULTATION ON UN
MATTERS EVEN WHEN THEIR POSITIONS DIFFER.

5. AIRPROGRAMFOLLOWS.
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